Claim 54. Amendment 2 - A method of making a facsimile machine operable as a scanner or printer for a computer, each of the facsimile machine and computer for communicating normally using at least one public network telephone line, comprising the steps of:

(a) configuring the facsimile machine to communicate with the personal computer through a passive link using a digital connector port on the facsimile machine and a digital connector port on the computer, with both the facsimile machine and computer by-passing or isolated from said at least one public network telephone line;

(b) arranging the facsimile machine to send or receive digital data signals; and

(c) coupling the digital data signals through the passive link to the personal computer and the facsimile machine;

said computer being equipped with send/receive driver communications software enabling the reception of scanned image signals from the facsimile machine or the sending of computer data to the facsimile machine for printing.

In the Specification:

Due to an error of omission, please change Figure 1 to include callout 25, as noted on the enclosed copy of Figure 1.

In the Specification, due to a typographical error on page 16, line 17, please change "form" to "from".

The following claims, 32 - 34, 38, 39, 41, 42, 44-48 are not required to be amended in response to this Office Action Summary and are listed below:

Claim 32. Amendment 2. - The method of claim 27, including transferring a parallel data source signal of a scanned image from said facsimile machine to said computer.

Claim 33. Amendment 2. - The method of claim 27, including transferring a serial data source signal of a scanned image from said facsimile machine to said computer.

Claim 34. Amendment 2. - The method of claim 27, including replacing the digital signal with an analog scanned image source signal from the facsimile machine to said computer through a modem interface.

Claim 38. Not Amended - The method of claim 36 including using RS 232 connector ports to interface between the facsimile machine and the personal computer.

Claim 39. Not Amended - The method of claim 36 including using parallel connector ports to interface between the facsimile machine and the personal computer.

Claim 41. Amendment 2 - The method of claim 27 further comprising optically recognizing the scanned data and converting the scanned data into character codes.

Claim 42. Not Amended - The method of claim 36 further comprising optically recognizing the scanned data and converting the scanned data into character codes.

Claim 44. Not Amended - The method of claim 43 including using serial data transmissions between the facsimile machine and the personal computer.

Claim 45. Not Amended - The method of claim 43 including using parallel data transmissions between the facsimile machine and the personal computer.

Claim 46. Not Amended - The method of claim 43 including using analog data transmissions between the facsimile machine and the personal computer.

Claim 47. Not Amended - The method of claim 43 using analog data transmissions, or digital serial, or parallel signals, between the facsimile machine and the personal computer.